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The City of DELTONA



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Neighborhood Stabilization is here

THE CITY OF DELTONA IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN awarded the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For a community with a population of roughly 85,000 residents, we received \$6,635,909, which is the largest amount received within Volusia County. The City has an efficient spending strategy, which relies on local professionals and experts in the fields housing counselors, general contractors, property appraisers, real estate brokers, real estate attorneys, housing inspectors and property managers.

All experts are working in sync to demolish homes to land bank the property for future development within the four-year spending strategy, placing potential buyers into homes owned by the banks through foreclosure, acquire homes and place residents within them, rental assistance, rehabilitation, and new construction on existing City-owned property.

Consultants have been selected and the NSP team is in place. We are placing the outstanding consultants under contract to work legally within the program, have started identifying the required foreclosed units, and have met with general contractors to begin demolition of units for land banking to incur \$500,000 in spending as quickly as possible.



Flu shots available from Fire Department

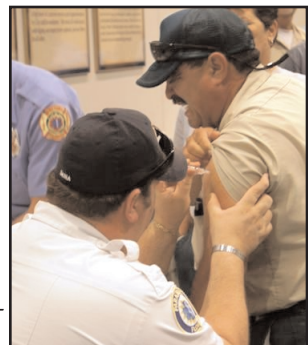
THE CITY OF DELTONA FIRE DEPARTMENT IS providing flu shots Monday through Saturday at several fire stations.

Station 61, 1685 Providence Blvd., will administer shots from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday (walk-in only) and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays (drive through only) at Stations 62, 320 Diamond St.; Station 64, 236 Ft. Smith Blvd. and at Station 61. These clinics will allow citizens- to obtain quick and affordable influenza vaccine administered by licensed insured professionals. This is the common flu vaccine, which the National Center for Disease Control recommends once a year.

For those insured primarily with Medicare Part B, there is no charge for a flu shot. All others will be charged \$25 for a flu shot (cash or check only). Vaccines are available until Dec. 31 or while supplies last. Vaccines cannot be given to citizens under the age of 18 or to pregnant woman.

Those who fall into that category should contact their primary care physician. The vaccine being administered by the Fire Department will not provide protection from H1N1 (swine flu). The Center for Disease Control plans to release the H1N1 vaccine in October.

In order to try and prevent the spread of germs and the flu, residents should use the common practices of covering coughs and sneezes with tissue or use clothing. Hand washing is the best prevention method so do so often. For additional information on flu shots, call Assistant Chief Samantha Hughes, (386) 575-6132.



The Official Newsletter of the City of Deltona

October - November - December Calendar of Events

October

3 First Annual Charity Mayor's Golf Tournament: The City of Deltona is partnering with the House Next Door at the Deltona Club, 1120 Elkcarn Blvd. The format will be select shot, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$65 per player and includes a catered barbecue lunch. Registration may be done in advance. For additional information, call Reggie Santilli (386) 738-9169 or Deltona Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900.

4 25th Annual Safety Day: Brought to you by the Deltona Fire Department, Safety Day will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.

Safety Day will feature displays and demonstrations from the Fire Department, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, Enforcement Services and other City services. Demonstrations will be given in automobile extrication, K-9, SWAT, fire extinguisher use, police and fire vehicles as well as animal safety. Blood pressure checks, flu shots (\$25 or free to Medicaid Part B patients) and career information will also be available. Residents can meet members of the Deltona Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), Deltona Fire Explorers, Deltona High School Health Academy and Pine Ridge High School's Sports Academy.

Hotdogs and soda will be served and plenty of balloons, coloring books, fire helmets and safety information will be handed out. For more information, call the Deltona Communication Center, (386) 860-7177.

5 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers

17 Grand Opening of the expanded Deltona Regional Library, the new Lyonia Environmental Center and the Deltona Amphitheater, 2150 Eustace Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Don't miss your chance to see this new \$11 million expansion complete with a new computer area, auditorium and children's section, a space for teens, the 4,000-square foot Lyonia Environmental Center and the 1,000-seat Deltona Amphitheater. Visitors will enjoy free admission to the environmental center which will offer plenty of interactive and hands-on activities for the day. Check out the gift shop and cafe and meet Rusty, the Scrub Jay.

The formal program begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by the dedication of environmental classrooms in memory of Dr. Alice E. Cross, a longtime environmentalist and educator. An open house is planned from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and includes environmental displays, presentations, hands-on activities, tours of Lyonia Preserve, and a full schedule of games and performances in the amphitheater. Caribbean Crew will perform from 3 to 5 p.m.

Overflow parking will be available at City Hall and Daytona State College across the street.

19 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

23 Halloween Spooktacular (First night for older children and adults) Haunted Trail and Pirate Ship, dusk to 10 p.m., Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1236 Saxon Blvd.

24 Halloween Spooktacular: Featuring tons of games for little spooks, a costume contest, freaky food contest, pie-eating contest, inflatables, Haunted Trail and Pirate Ship, 6-10 p.m., Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex.

November

2 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

6 Captain's Meeting for the Fall Fishing Tournament, 7 p.m., at Beef 'O' Brady's, 2160 Howland Blvd.

7 Benefit Bass Fall Fishing Tournament, begins at first light. Boats may launch anywhere on Lake Monroe but boaters must check in at the Lake Monroe Boat Ramp on Lakeshore Drive. \$70 entry fee. Proceeds will benefit the West Volusia Veteran's Association. For information, call Neal Lazarus, (407) 383-4223 or Deltona Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900.

7 Animal-Control sponsored low-cost pet shot clinic: Cohen's Veterinarian Center, 2879 Elkcarn Blvd., beginning at 2 p.m., limited to the first 150 customers. Dr. Allan Cohen will be administering the shots. Cost is \$5 per pet (CASH ONLY). Canine and feline distemper 4-in-1 shots, \$10. City licenses will also be available. Pets must be on a leash or in carriers. Call Enforcement Services, (386) 878-8700 for details.

11 City Administrative Offices closed for Veteran's Day.

14 Deltona Days kicks off with music, breakfast and non-profit displays at the Public Market (extended hours- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

15 Deltona Days, "Pray for Deltona" concert of prayer featuring Deltona churches and area youth choirs in the Deltona Amphitheater, time to be announced.

16-21 Deltona Days continues with the Veteran's Museum open extended hours 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday; Town-Hall coffees with Commissioners in their districts; extended hours for Deltona non-profits; Senior Prom, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 20, Deltona Community Center; Deltona Day parade, 10 a.m., Nov. 21, Deltona Boulevard; celebration of the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 4 to 9 p.m., Nov. 21, Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1236 Saxon Blvd. For details, call (386) 878-8900.

16 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

26-27 City Administrative Offices closed for Thanksgiving.

December

7 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

12 The Music in the Courtyard series will feature a special holiday program at 7 p.m. in the Courtyard behind City Hall.

Perhaps the crowd will get a visit from the Most Famous Elf!

12 Winter Wonderland: 7-9 p.m., Commission Chambers featuring Santa's workshop complete with elves, lighted trees, icy ponds, and Christmas figurines. Children can visit Santa, sit on his lap and tell him just what's on their Christmas list.

19 Parrandas en el Patio, Latin holiday celebration, 6-9 p.m., in the Courtyard behind City Hall.

19 Santa's Helper: Drop off your children for a fun-filled day of crafts, games and movies while you finish your holiday shopping and errands. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harris Saxon Community Center, 2329 California Street; Lunch is provided and the children will decorate cookies. The program is for children kindergarten through the fifth grade. Limited to 50 children. Call (386) 878-8930 to register them.

21 City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

24-25 City Administrative Offices closed for the Christmas holiday.

Deltona's Public Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.

Help save your neighborhood image during tough economy

DELTONA HAS BEEN HIT HARD IN THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS. There are 2,124 homes in Deltona that are in some state of the foreclosure legal battle. One in every 308 housing units received a foreclosure filing in July 2009. When the banks descended and started foreclosing on homes people started noticing something new--abandoned homes and creeping blight.

The City's Enforcement Services Department is trying to maintain the integrity of Deltona's neighborhoods and doing their best to enforce our ordinances. But it is becoming increasingly more difficult. After some homes

are foreclosed on the homeowner's belongings are hauled out to the curb where they sit. Bored children may use the homes for mischief. Other properties may have weeds or tall grass. They attract looters who tear out bathroom fixtures and steal

copper plumbing for scrap metal. Other homes have been sprayed with graffiti.

Local governments have tried getting the bank to hire a maintenance company--with no luck. "Most banks say, until we take possession of the property, we can't legally go on the property." It takes somewhere between nine and 11 months to sort through the paperwork and catch up. More than half of the foreclosed homes remain unsold today.

Enforcement Services does hire contractors to cut grass, board up windows and remove debris from around homes. They can and are placing chemicals in green pools to kill mosquito larvae. (Enforcement Services can not

drain pools.) The swimming pools will still look bad but the chemicals will keep the mosquitoes away. After improvements are made by Enforcement Services to a property, a lien may be placed on the property to recoup the cost once the house is sold.

The City of Deltona can

normally handle these situations but with the current state of our City, we are overwhelmed. Enforcement Services has a budget to handle overgrown lawns, unsafe hous-

es, pools and broken windows, but the City is paying to cut 40 yards a week an estimated \$1,600 per week. With the large number of foreclosed homes that are in Deltona the money only goes so far.

Until the housing market turns around and the number of vacant homes starts to decline, Enforcement Services will keep doing everything they can to protect our neighborhoods.



How can I help?

- Talk to your neighbors and enlist volunteers to keep tabs on nearby homes. An overgrown lawn is usually the first sign that a property is in foreclosure. Report problems like broken or missing windows to Enforcement Services, (386) 878-8700.
- Collect flyers, junk mail and loose trash and listen for abandoned pets, a growing problem in vacant homes.
- Use your local home owners association. If community rules do not allow trash or lawn cleanup on vacant properties--vote to change the rules.
- Establish a neighborhood watch program if you're worried about crime, contact the Volusia County Sheriff's Office in Deltona, (386) 860-7030.

Deltona Spring Fest looking for vendors/crafters

Deltona Spring Fest, Inc. is looking for Vendors and Crafters for the 14th Annual Deltona Spring Fest scheduled for April 24-25, 2010. Spring Fest is a 501(C)(3) non-profit Federal tax exempt organization that has depended totally on volunteers from the community to plan and execute this Annual Event. We are also approved for community service hours for High School students. Proceeds from the event benefit educational programs in Deltona.

For information or to volunteer, call the Deltona Spring Fest hotline at (386) 860-1006 or e-mail us at dspringfest@yahoo.com or visit deltonaspringfest.org.

Important City Numbers

Animal Control, (386) 860-7177
Automated inspection information,
 (386) 575-6900 or (407) 936-9999
Building & Zoning Services, (inspections
 and permitting), (386) 878-8650
City Clerk's Office, (386) 878-8500
City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.,
 (386) 878-8100
City Manager's Office, (386) 878-8850
Code and Solid Waste Compliance,
 (386) 878-8700
Communication and Public Information,
 (386) 878-8755

Fire Department Administration, 1685
 Providence Blvd., (386) 860-7177
Human Resources, (386) 878-8750
Mayor and City Commission,
 (386) 878-8860
Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900
Planning & Development Services,
 (386) 878-8600
Public Works, 201 Howland Blvd.,
 (386) 878-8950
Volusia County Sheriff's Office, 1200
 Deltona Blvd., (386) 860-7030 or after 5 p.m.
 Monday-Friday, (386) 736-5999

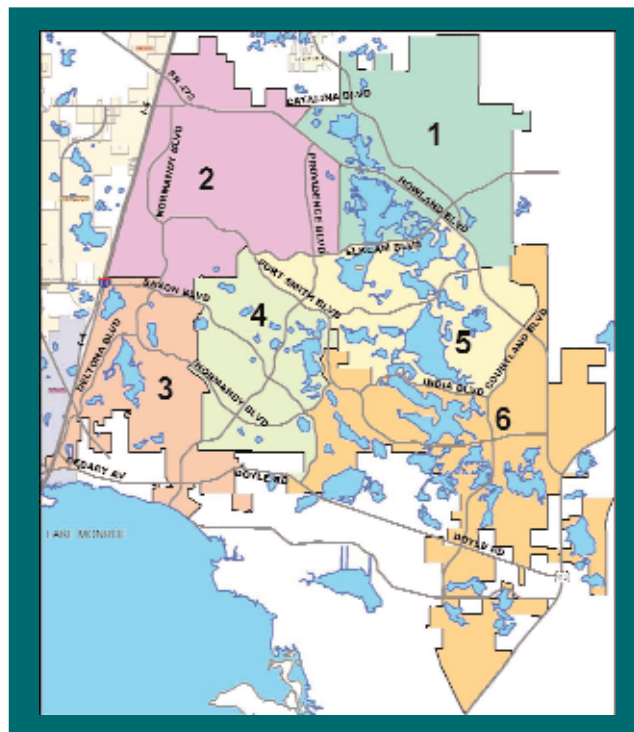
Water and Sewer, 255 Enterprise Road,
 (386) 575-6800 (customer service)
Waste Pro, (Recycling bins, garbage pick-up
 and special pick-ups), (386) 574-0778
Zoning Division (Residential),
 (386) 878-8660
Zoning Division (Commercial),
 (386) 878-8600
Emergencies, 911

Do you know your Mayor and Commission?

Mayor Dennis Mulder, 764
 Shafton Ave., (386) 216-3620,
 dmulder@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2005
 Term Expires: Nov. 2010
**Vice Mayor/District 6, Michael
 Carmolingo**,
 3126 Shallowford Street,
 (386) 848-1932,
 mcarmolingo@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2007
 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
District 1, Zenaida Denizac,
 2010 Montecito Ave.,
 (386) 804-8463,
 zdenizac@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2005
 Term Expires: Nov. 2010
District 2, Herb Zischkau,
 2760 Pinegrove Ave.,
 (407) 496-7561,
 hzischkau@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2007
 Term Expires: Nov. 2012

**District 3, Michele McFall-
 Conte**, 1132 Galgano Ave.,
 (386) 574-1956,
 mmcfall@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2001
 Second term expires: Nov. 2010
District 4, Paul Treusch, 1850
 Fort Smith Blvd.,
 (386) 860-1134,
 ptreusch@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2007
 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
District 5, Janet Deyette, 2451
 Timbercrest Drive,
 (386) 848-1625,
 jdeyette@deltonafl.gov
 Elected: Nov. 2005
 Term Expires: Nov. 2010

*To reach the Mayor &
 Commission's Executive Assistant,
 Jean Oertli, call (386) 878-8860.*



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